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SUBJECT: 57TH ECOSOC-ECONOMIC COMMITTEE DEBATE OF
ITEM 14(D), SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE-
MID-TERM REVIEW

REF: GENEVA 4489

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, ECONOMIC COMMITTEE COMPLETED
GENERAL DEBATE ON ITEM 14 (SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE)
JULY 12. REFTEL COVERS SUB-ITEMS (A), (B), AND (C).

2. SPEAKERS ADDRESSING SUB-ITEM (D) (MID-TERM REVIEW
AND APPRAISAL OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR
SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE) COVERED WIDE RANGE OF COMMENTS
ON PREPARATIONS, MACHINERY AND CONTENT OF 1975 REVIEW
AND APPRAISAL, INCLUDING INSUFFICIENCY OF DATA, INADE-
QUACY/UNTIMELINESS/ABSENCE OF RESPONSES FROM GOVERN-
MENTS (ESPECIALLY LDC'S); TIMING AND CONTENT AGENCY
REPORTS; NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND SECTORAL AS WELL AS
GLOBAL APPRAISALS; REVISION OF GOALS; ROLE OF UNCTAD;
TIMING AND SPLITTING OF SESSION, ETC.; INCLUDING SOME
CRITICISMS LEVELED AT SYG REPORT. (SOME WERE DEFEN-
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SIVE ABOUT LDC INABILITY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND TIMELY

DATA, CALLING FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM DC'S.)
THE ONE PREMISE ON WHICH THERE WAS WIDE AGREEMENT WAS
NEED TO INTEGRATE EXAMINATION OF PLANS AND
PROGRESS UNDER "PROGRAM OF ACTION" WITH R AND A PROCESS

3. COMMITTEE OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING EXEC SEC MOSAK
ALSO APPEALED FOR MORE ADEQUATE AND TIMELY DATA.
ADDITIONALLY, ASKED THAT GOVERNMENTS EXAMINE POSSIBILITY
OF COMPUTER FACILITY TO DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH DATA
RETRIEVAL, QUANTIFICATION OF TARGETS IN SOCIAL FIELD,
AND REVISION OF TARGETS IN ECONOMIC FIELD.

4. U.S. (TANK) COMMENTED ON SYG REPORT, DOCUMENTATION TO
BE AVAILABLE FROM SECTORAL AGENCIES AND SECRETARIAT, AND
SUBMISSIONS FROM COUNTRIES. RE LATTER HE NOTED FEW
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE SUBMITTED STATEMENTS OF THEIR
ECONOMIC SITUATIONS AND PLANS AS REQUESTED BY SYG AND
IN REFERENCE TO EXCUSES FOR SUCH NON-ACTION SUGGESTED
THAT WE SHOULD COME TO AN END OF PERIOD OF CHARITABLE
EXPLANATIONS AND LOOK FOR RESULTS IN RESPONSES TO SYG
REQUESTS. THIS MIGHT THEN BE INDICATION COUNTRY
REALLY GETTING READY TO DEVELOP AND PARTICIPATE IN
ECONOMIC DECISION MAKING. ALSO EMPHASIZED REVIEWS AT
NATIONAL LEVEL, INCLUDING EMPHASIS ON SOCIAL
CONSIDERATIONS. SUGGESTED CIRCULATION TO R AND A
COMMITTEE OF SOME COUNTRY SUCCESS STORIES EITHER
OVERALL OR IN PARTICULAR SECTOR, E.G., AGRICULTURE,
EXPORTS, LAND REFORM. EMPHASIZED NEED FOR MORE LDC
PLANNING WITH ASSISTANCE UNDP, REGIONAL COMMISSIONS,
AND OTHERS. U.S. CONSIDERED PROGRAM OF ACTION TO BE
PART OF MID-TERM REVIEW WITH REPORT OF R AND A TO PROCEED THROUGH
ECOSOC AND 1975 SPECIAL SESSION. REGARDED "NEW WORLD
ECONOMIC ORDER" AS LABEL FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS PURPOSES
OF SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES DISCUSSED IN UN,
NONALIGNED AND OTHER CIRCLES OVER PAST 10 YEARS.
THEREFOER INCLUDED IN STRATEGY AND PROGRAM OF ACTION.
ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED IN DETAIL AS CORE OF UN AGENDA.
PROPOSED SYG PREPARE BRIEF STATEMENT FOR MTR OF THREE
OR FOUR MAJOR ISSUES THAT APPEAR TO HAVE MAJOR EFFECT
ON ATTAINMENT OF GOALS OF STRATEGY. THIS COULD BE DIS-
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CUSSED AT OPENING SESSION OF R AND A COMMITTEE. ENDORSED
MAY 12-JUNE 9 AS DATES FOR R AND A MEETING. DALE

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